Birth to 3rd Grade Work Group
August 30, 2016  1:00 pm- 2:00 pm
Call in ONLY -  815 753-0010 (no code necessary)

Agenda

1. Collect a regional inventory of programs and services, building on existing inventories and supporting collaborations.

   Update: Three types have been fully researched
   - Binders/local connections – all projects require this as a baseline
   - Public-facing databases/call centers
     - 211 - Commissioned a research project for fall semester
     - DCFS – available statewide (mostly providers)
   - Provider referral systems – best within community systems
     - AOK Network GP3S – On hold for technical updates

2. Conduct data analysis and research in areas recommended by work group as a first step to identifying gaps and building bridges.

   Update: Focusing on Higher Education role in EC data and research
   - Data dashboards – IECAM dashboard available statewide this fall
   - Community Systems Development in the P20 Network region – draft policy paper (we will need review and discussion)
   - Higher Ed Role in EC Workforce – presentation NEXT MEETING by Stephanie Benoteit, IL Board of Higher Ed, about the Race to the Top research project on EC credentials and degrees.

3. Provide ongoing opportunities for networking and professional development of B-3 providers.

   Update: STEM opportunities completed and next two topics identified
   - STEM focus –
     - BLOCK fest – 3 preliminary events completed
     - Stuffed Bunny Science Series - available
   - Attendance in EC – call to action paper Birth-3rd grade (we will need review, discussion and a subcommittee to work on PD around this)
   - Trauma informed centers – on hold until there is a new ISBE contract for MTSS Grant

   • Next Steps

Meeting materials
Documents related to this topic are posted online at www.niu.edu/p20network. Click on the Resources tab and then on the Birth – 3rd Grade Work Group under Meetings and Materials. Feel free to send links to other documents that you recommend for this group to Amy Jo Clemens (ajclemens@niu.edu).